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1. The Accumulatoren-Werk Varta, at Oberschöneweide, manufactured 583 batteries for electric cars and trucks during July 1953. The goal of 6,500 batteries for IFA and EMW Eisenach could not be attained. The reasons were material shortages and also lack of time due to Soviet special commissions on short notice.

2. Currently, accumulators of various kinds and capacities are being manufactured for the Soviet Union. About 3,000 airplane accumulators for airplanes alone were produced in the last quarter.

3. An average of 4 to 5 generators for ships are also manufactured monthly.

4. About 400 portable accumulators in plastic housings are manufactured monthly. They are delivered mainly to the Volkspolizei.

5. The production of steel accumulators is carried on exclusively on Soviet orders. The material, which is a cadmium-iron-nickel alloy, is all delivered from the Soviet Union.

6. The delivery of accumulators to Soviet troop units at Eberswalde and to the armored repair workshops at Eberswalde has been suspended for the time being.

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